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H. RES. 483

Recognizing the 63rd Anniversary of Big Bend National Park, established
on June 12, 1944.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RODRIGUEZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 63rd Anniversary of Big Bend National
Park, established on June 12, 1944.

Whereas Big Bend National Park is a scenic treasure of
southwest Texas encompassing more than 800,000 acres;

Whereas Big Bend National Park manages nearly one quar-
ter of the approximately 1000 mile stretch of the Rio
Grande River that also serves as the boundary between
the United States and Mexico;

Whereas along the boundary of the park, the flow of the Rio
Grand River shifts from a southeasterly direction to the
northeast, forming the bend after which the park is
named;

Whereas Big Bend National Park is unique because it covers a variety of different ecosystems ranging from the Chihuahuan Desert to the Chisos Mountains;

Whereas Native people inhabited the area for thousands of years;

Whereas many people have traversed the Big Bend region in the past 150 years, including Spanish explorers, Comanche Indians, Mexican settlers, and American ranchers;

Whereas in 1933 the Texas Legislature, led by Everett Ewing Townsend, established the Texas Canyons State Park;

Whereas later that year the park was expanded and renamed Big Bend State Park;

Whereas Townsend later became known as the Father of Big Bend National Park;

Whereas between 1934 and 1942 the Civilian Conservation Corps worked diligently to make the park suitable for visitors; and

Whereas 63 years ago Big Bend National Park, “Texas’ Gift to the Nation”, was officially established on June 12, 1944: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the 63rd anniversary of the
3 founding of Big Bend National Park; and

4 (2) honors the National Park Service for their
5 service to the Big Bend region and Big Bend Na-
6 tional Park.

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